

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-12 and 16-18 are pending, with Claims 1-6 and 13-15 canceled and Claims 7-9, 11, 16 and 17 amended by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 4-6 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; Claims 1-4 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Naden et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0129985, hereinafter Naden); Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Naden in view of Miya et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 20003/0186725, hereinafter Miya); and Claims 7-12 and 16-18 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejected Claims 1-6 and 13-15 are cancelled. Allowable Claims 7-12 and 16-18 are amended cosmetically and to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112. No new matter is added.

Applicants traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph and submit that the “change device” recited in Claim 10 finds support in page 15, lines 3-5 of Applicants’ specification which recites “The controller 13 has...a function of controlling selecting the antenna 1 in response to the control signal Sm....” Further support for the claimed “change device” may be found at page 28, lines 15-18 of Applicants’ specification which recites “...the controller 14 selects the antenna 1 from which the highest quality can be obtained, of the antennas designated by the controlling terminal....”

Support for the “change device” recited in Claim 11 is found at page 29, lines 23-25 of Applicants’ specification which recites “...the controller changes an orienting direction of a beam of the array antenna by controlling the amount of phase shifting of the phase shifter 16.”

characteristics (radiation pattern and the gain) of the antenna 1 by varying the value of the variable terminal 19.”

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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